



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 29, 2007

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Room 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee
DC Jamie Fields
DC Chester Logan
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman
Cmdr. Dwight Hudson
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Cmdr. Leon Moore
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Insp. James Moore
Insp. Steven Dolunt
Lt. Jeffrey Romeo
Lt. Laurie Sabatini
Lt. Debra Fair
Lt. Dwayne Love
Lt. Russell Decrease
Lt. Kenneth Williams
Lt. Robert Ennis
Lt. Paul Wells
Lt. Robbin Kirkwood-Farrar
Lt. Darwin Roche

Lt. Frankie Lewis
Lt. Charles Wilson
Sgt. William Hart
Sgt. William Sims
Sgt. Darryl Patterson
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Susan Barbalas
PO Wendie Collier

Lt. James White
Sgt. Steven Ford
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Rodney Cox
PO Scott Herzog
PO Joyce Jones
PO Kari Kammerzell

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator **(ABS)**
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS

Ron Scott
Danny Wilkerson
Ed Moore

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:25 p.m.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of the staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, November 29, 2007

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, November 20, 2007

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Ramirez stated the Board has received for consideration executive appointments to the rank of Deputy Chief and Commander.

Comm. Holley asked the Chief if she could announce them and give a brief history of each one.

Chairperson Ramirez stated for the Chief to announce them and for all the appointees to come forward and state why they deserve their rank.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that would be a good idea for them to say why they deserve it. She thanked the Board for putting this on in such short notice.

TO RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF

- **Cmdr. William D. Hudson**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Cmdr. Leon Moore**

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Cmdr. Leo Powers**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Ramirez asked the Chief if DC Powers can come before the Board during the next meeting.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes.

TO RANK OF COMMANDER

• **Inspector Steven G. Dolunt**

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

• **Inspector James E. Moore**

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

• **Lieutenant Lewis Bray**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

• **Lieutenant Russell Decrease**

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant Robert Ennis**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant Debra J. Fair**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant Frankie Lewis**

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant Dwayne L. Love**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant Linda Peltier**

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant Jeffrey S. Romeo**

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant Paul Wells**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant James E. White**

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Lieutenant Kenneth Williams**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Generally, each of the executive appointees thanked the Board and the Chief for their appointments, and stated that they will continue to serve the chief, citizens of this city and the department.

Comm. Blackwell stated to the Chief that the newly appointed individuals are leaving vacancies and will those be filled.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that just about everyone who was appointed were already serving in these positions any where from two to eleven months. While she would like to promote Sergeants and Lieutenants, it would leave vacancies with the Police Officers.

Comm. Blackwell asked there is no shortage within the department.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department is under in the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenants, and Police Officers. The highest vacancy rate is in the rank of Police Officers.

Comm. Blackwell asked is there money budgeted for additional Police Officers.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes sir; there is a class that's in the academy. Ideally, they would like to start a class every two months. The department is in the process of putting a formula together that will expedite recruiting. The department has never had dollars budgeted for marketing campaigns. The department is hiring but they don't have the funds to advertise on television or to put up billboards. So going forward, they will be asking for those types of dollars.

Comm. Blackwell stated based on what you are budgeted for, if you don't keep pace, will the department will have shrinkage.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that's correct.

Comm. Blackwell asked are you stating, as of now, the department is on pace to maintain those numbers.

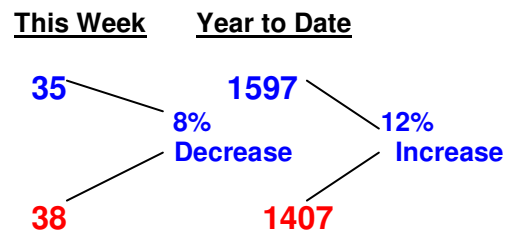
Chief Bully-Cummings stated no, the department is seriously under. More than 86% of the members are assigned to patrol and the other 14% is assigned to administrative duties. Those duties include the lab techs, police dispatchers, academy, and recruiting. They have tried to keep the majority of the members in a crime fighting function. There are more than 300 plus officers that she can't deploy because they aren't in full duty status. The department needs more police officers and thinks they need to hire on a regular basis. The Detroit Police Officer's Association (DPOA) won a twenty-year retirement, and there is a five year gap when the department did not hire. She will continue to convince everyone that the department needs to hire people on a regular basis.

Comm. Hampton stated he salutes all the men and women who were promoted. He indicated (jokingly) he would like for all of those who were promoted to spend *one night in the hoosegow* under the supervision of DC Fields.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,281** active investigations, of which **1,029** of those are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 11/29/07	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	COMMUNICATIONS									2	2
4	EASTERN		3	1			1			1	6
1	NARCOTICS							1			1
1	NORTHEASTERN		1							1	2
4	NORTHWESTERN		3		1		1			1	6
3	TACTICAL SERVICES	1	2	1			3				7
15	Unknown Command		4	1	1		6		2	3	17
5	WESTERN	1	2	1			3	1		2	10
35		2	15	4	2		14	2	2	10	51

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of November 19, 2007 through November 25, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 12 search warrants and 54 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 34 Felony arrests
- 80 Misdemeanor arrests
- 1 Juvenile detained
- 87.30 grams of cocaine, 119.6 grams of heroin, 459.20 grams of marijuana and 17,010 pills, with a total street value:
- \$ 422,136.80
- \$ 29,579.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 4 Handguns



Engaging the Community

Central District

On November 18th, officers of the Central District responded to the 2000 block of Park regarding an "Assault." **Due to the officers quick response, two subjects were arrested and charged with (1) aggravated Assault and (2) Assault & Battery.**



ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, December 6, 2007

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St Suite 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

Police / Community Intervention

NOVEMBER 29, 2007



NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On November 21st, while on patrol in the area of E. Palmer and Moran, officers of the Northeastern District observed a vehicle wanted in a "Carjacking." Due to the officers keen observation and investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with (1) One Count: Carjacking, (2) Two Counts: Assault with Intent to Rob, and (3) Third Count: Felony Firearm.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On November 20th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 18000 block of Fielding regarding a "Felonious Assault & Perpetrators in a Vehicle Armed with a Gun." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) Home Invasion 1st Degree, (2) Felonious Assault, (3) Felony Firearm, (4) Felon in Possession, and (5) Habitual 2nd Degree.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On November 23rd, a subject was investigated by officers of the Western District in the 15000 block of Petoskey on "Domestic Violence/Barricaded Gunman." Subsequent to their investigation, the subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with (1) Six Counts: Unlawful Imprisonment, (2) Felonious Assault, (3) Felon in Possession and (4) Felony Firearm.



Chief Bully-Cummings stated she would inform the Board concerning the formal ceremony on December 14th at 5:00 pm for the new appointees.

Comm. Blackwell asked the Chief if it's okay for the new appointees to return back to work.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Hampton stated the Disciplinary Appeals Sub-Committee will not hold the appeals because one of the counsels couldn't make it.

Atty. Hooks stated that City Attorney Letitia Jones had something that came up and was unable to make it, so they [the appeals] will be rescheduled.

1. DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| • PO DAVID MITCHELL | BPC 06-007D |
| • PO MELANIE ARMSTRONG | BPC 07-001D |
| • PO CHRISTOPHER MUKLEWICZ | BPC 07-003D |
| • PO MELAINE ARMSTRONG | BPC 07-004D |

Comm. Blackwell stated for the record there was a suspension without pay, which preceded this meeting that had only three commissioners in attendance. He indicated he had reviewed the matter and, in keeping with the rules and for the record, does not contravene the suspension for Police Officer Carnell Humphries.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Holley asked to be excused for the next meeting.

Chairperson Ramirez stated for the record she would like for all of the commissioners to read cases from the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI).

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 6, 2007, @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she would like to invite the Board to the pep rally of the Detroit Martin Luther King football team, which won the Division 2 State Championship, at Cobo Hall at 4:00 pm.

E. Moore congratulated all of the new appointees, and reminded everyone that Councilman Kenyetta's door is always open.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb